IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Marcel BOUFFIER

Serial No.: 10/580.678 Confirmation No.: 5728

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For: FUEL ASSEMBLY FOR A PRESSURIZED WATER

NUCLEAR REACTOR CONTAINING PLUTONIUM-

FREE ENRICHED URANIUM

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Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2009 applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.